

fashion so that people understand it so that they can go to the polls in May and make an informed decision so we can get their input on which way we want to go with tax policy. Although I appreciate the courtesy of procedural fairness, Senator Landis, I'm not used to it. The issue here is more than just procedural fairness. It's more than pride of authorship. It's time to decide. It's time to make the decision and it's time to do it in this fashion, up front, at the beginning instead of at the end when everybody is going to be hurt, everybody is going to feel trampled on and I, like Senator Withem, and I appreciate his comments as well as others with regard to how the work has been handled in the committee and it has been a committee process. It has not been a chairman process, it has been a committee process. They are the ones that are responsible for the work and the staff of the committee. They deserve the kudos with regard to how this process has gone along. It's not I. But I do appreciate those comments because I, too, will get frazzled during this debate. What we need to do is focus as much of it as we can toward the direction we want to take. If we don't do this, ladies and gentlemen, it sounds unfortunately like we're not going to, if we don't do that, if there isn't a straight up or down vote, I am afraid that a week from now, two weeks from now, the end of March we're going to wish we had. We're going to wish we had done that. Then it will probably be a little bit too late to have the votes necessary to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot in May. That would be unfortunate. I would fight to get that proposal on the ballot in May and I will continue to support it whether I believe in the language of it or not. With that, I would urge the proponents of 1120 to vote against this and I think the folks who support the 1063 concept should vote to put this on the bill if that's the direction we intend to take. It's time to let the people know what the Legislature thinks.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. We will now vote on the Hall amendment to the committee amendments on LB 1120. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record vote has been requested. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 920-21 of the Legislative Journal.) 1 ayes, 36 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails. I would like to direct